



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room
42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, California
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OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Crist called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Ohlsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present

Chairman Marvin Crist, Director Richard Loa, Director Eric Ohlsen, Director Raj Malhi, Director Michelle Flanagan

Absent

Vice Chair Dianne Knippel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Director Loa and seconded by Director Malhi, the Board of Directors approved the agenda, pulling items SRP 8 and 9.

Vote: Motion carried (5-0-0-1)
Yeas: Chairman Crist, Directors Loa, Ohlsen, Malhi, Flanagan
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Vice Chair Knippel

PUBLIC BUSINESS– AGENDIZED AND NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:

Milcah White thanked the Board, staff, Dial-A-Ride (DAR) administrators, and operators for listening to her concerns. She shared a situation when a rider was rude to an operator and asked if she could be a transit liaison.

Charlotte Baxter spoke about the DAR brochure's lack of rules and regulations and the exceptional DAR service she received on April 13 and 15, 2024. She also

expressed her concerns about how some clients in wheelchairs are treated and an event that occurred on April 19, 2024, with an MV Transportation operator.

Fran Sereseres congratulated the incumbents on their re-election to the Lancaster City Council. She also noted the need for additional amenities at the Lancaster bus shelters to protect riders from the weather.

SPECIAL REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND REQUESTS FOR DIRECTION (SRP):

SRP 1 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM SENATOR SCOTT WILK’S OFFICE

Thomas Moreno, District Representative for State Senator Scott Wilk’s office, reported on SB-1004 Income taxes: exclusions: wildfires, SB-1023 California State University: Antelope Valley or Victor Valley campus, SB-898 Vehicle equipment: windows, SB-961 Vehicles: safety equipment, and SB-1387 California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project: vehicle eligibility.

SRP 2 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER TOM LACKEY’S OFFICE

Anna Zarley, Senior Field Director for Assemblymember Tom Lackey’s office, provided information regarding AB-2200 Guaranteed Health Care for All, AB-2263 The California Guaranteed Income Study and Funding Act, SB-961 Vehicles: safety equipment, AB-2456 Criminal law: civil compromise, SB-1160 Firearms, AB-1811 Jury duty: eligibility, and SB-1494 Local agencies: Sales and Use Tax: retailers.

SRP 3 PRESENTATION TO AVTA EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH 2024

Safety and Facilities Manager Sean Elmore presented Facilities Maintenance Worker Aura Estrada with the Employee of the Month award for March 2024.

SRP 4 PRESENTATION TO AV TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (AVTS) EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2024

AV Transportation Services President Art Minasyan presented awards to Joshua McTaggart, Employee of the Month for February 2024, and Craig Simpkins, Employee of the Month for March 2024.

SRP 5 AVTS MICROTRANSIT AND DIAL-A-RIDE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI) REPORT FOR MARCH 2024

Mr. Minasyan presented the report.

SRP 6 LEGISLATIVE REPORT AND FINANCE UPDATE FOR APRIL 2024

Chief Financial Officer Judy Vaccaro-Fry presented an update on Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 state and federal budgets, various assembly and senate bills, FY 2024 Federal Appropriations, the Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act – CalPERS, newly elected chairman of the Appropriations Committee Tom Cole, zero-emission trains, MTA FY 2025 Apportionments, and SCAG – Connect SoCal 2024. The Chairman instructed the Executive Director to have Ms. Vaccaro-Fry present the budget information to the Local 848 Teamsters Union.

SRP 7 MAINTENANCE KPI REPORT FOR MARCH 2024

Maintenance Compliance Analyst Joseph Sanchez presented the report.

SRP 10 INDUSTRYWIDE RIDERSHIP ON ALL TRANSPORTATION MODES

Planning Manager Geraldina Romo presented the report. The Board discussed whether AVTA passengers are using the Metrolink instead of AVTA’s commuter service, what the City of Santa Clarita has done to increase ridership, and which school districts have not enrolled in the GoPass program.

Ms. Romo will research whether AVTA commuter riders use the Metrolink instead of AVTA’s commuter service. Executive Director/CEO Martin Tompkins added that staff will review the routes in FY 2025 and develop a plan to improve efficiency.

Marketing Manager James Royal responded that he had contacted all the school districts, including Westside, Eastside, and Palmdale. District staff members are currently reviewing the information. Directors Ohlsen and Loa will contact Palmdale District to see if they can assist.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CC):

CC 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2024

Approve the Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2024.

CC 2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 2024

Receive and file the Financial Report for March 2024.

CC 3 FY 2024 THIRD QUARTER LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT REPORT (JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2024)

Receive and file the FY 2024 Third Quarter LASD report for the period covering January 1 through March 31, 2024.

CC 4 SERVICE CHANGE GUIDELINES
Approve the updated Service Change Guidelines.

CC 5 AMEND AUTHORITY’S CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY SCHEDULE
Approve amending the Authority’s Classification and Salary Schedule to reclassify the IT Technician II position to Network Administrator.

On a motion by Director Flanagan and seconded by Director Malhi, the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar as comprised.

Vote: Motion carried (5-0-0-1)
Yeas: Chairman Crist, Directors Loa, Ohlsen, Malhi, Flanagan
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Vice Chair Knippel

NEW BUSINESS (NB):

NB 1 ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 (FY 2025)

On a motion by Director Flanagan and seconded by Director Malhi, the Board of Directors nominated and elected Marvin Crist as Chair and Dianne Knippel as Vice Chair for FY 2025.

Vote: Motion carried (5-0-0-1)
Yeas: Chairman Crist, Directors Loa, Ohlsen, Malhi, Flanagan
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Vice Chair Knippel

CLOSED SESSION (CS):

PRESENTATION BY LEGAL COUNSEL OF ITEM(S) TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION:

- CS 1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
Significant exposure to litigation (two potential cases)

- CS 2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
Consideration of whether to initiate litigation (one potential case)

CS 3 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Consideration of Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(D)(4) (one potential case)

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Directors recessed to Closed Session at 11:00 a.m.

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board of Directors reconvened to Public Session at 11:33 a.m.

REPORT BY LEGAL COUNSEL OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

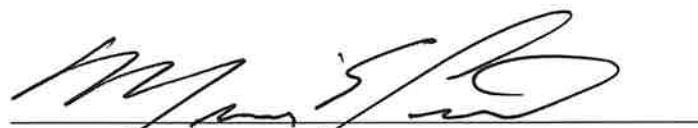
General Counsel Allison Burns stated that the Board had discussed CS 2 and gave direction to staff and legal counsel. There was no reportable action.

Chairman Crist informed Julie Drake, staff writer at the AV Press, that she would receive information when it becomes available.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Crist adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on May 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room, 42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, CA.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 28th day of MAY 2024.



Marvin Crist, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



Karen S. Darr, Clerk of the Board

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